

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Odell.

Absent.

Atlee.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The chair announced the following special committee under the resolution of Senator Davidson, adopted this morning: Senators Potter, Terrell, Turney, Lloyd, and Dibrell.

RESOLUTION.

By unanimous consent, Senator Patterson introduced the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, that the Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate, be and he is requested to wire President of Senate and Speaker of the House of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas the thanks of this body for the kindly interest felt for us as expressed by telegram to this body from said assembly, read in this chamber on this forenoon.

The resolution was read a second time, and adopted.

Senator Linn moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 228, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

Senator Stafford moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Senator Lloyd moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening.

Senator Stafford's motion was adopted, and the Senate, at 12:30 p. m., adjourned.

SEVENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Wednesday, April 19, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Johnson.	Sebastian.
Linn.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Stafford, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Gough, Senator Atlee was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate Monday and Tuesday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Potter, Senator Sebastian was excused indefinitely, on account of sickness.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Potter:

Petition from citizens of Cooke county, protesting against the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to Special Committee appointed yesterday.

By Senator Stafford:

Petition from citizens of Upshur county, asking that fire insurance companies be exempted from the operations of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Wayland:

Petition from citizens of Limestone county, praying that fire insurance companies be exempted from the operations of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Yett:

Petition from citizens of Williamson county, praying that fire insurance companies be exempted from the operations of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Morriss:

Petition from citizens of Marion county, praying that fire insurance companies be exempted from the operations of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Burns:

Petition of fifty-two merchants, lawyers and doctors of Waller county, protesting against the passage of the anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Grinnan:

Petition from citizens of Erath county, protesting against the passage of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Terrell:

Petition from citizens of Pilot Point and Decatur, protesting against the passage of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Terrell:

Letter from S. A. Lillard of Decatur, asking for the passage of the anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Gough:

Letter from H. M. Beaty of Plano, asking for the passage of the anti-trust bill.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

Senator Burns had read a number of telegrams, protesting against the passage of the proposed anti-trust law.

Senator Atlee had read a number of telegrams to the same effect.

By Senator Patterson:

Petition from citizens of Rogers, Bell county, protesting against the passage of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Davidson:

Letter from Hon. R. W. Hudson of Pearsall, Frio county, indorsing the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Dibrell:

Letter from W. C. Dugger of San Marcos, as follows:

San Marcos, Texas, April 18, 1899.

Hon. Joe Dibrell, Austin.

DEAR SIR: The insurance companies have wired their agents here to try to get up opposition to the trust law you are about to pass. They succeeded in getting three signers, on about six telegrams today. I have a petition to pass law, signed by almost every business man in town. The petition is nearly 100 names. Will send to you tomorrow. People as a whole are in favor of anti-trust law.

Yours,

W. C. DUGGER.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Lewis:

Petition from business men of San Antonio, protesting against the passage of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

By Senator Linn:

Telegram from a number of business men of Galveston, praying that fire insurance companies be exempted from the operations of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Rising to a question of personal privilege, Senator Potter had read the following telegram, as published in the newspapers, from Whitewright, Texas:

"About 9 or 10 o'clock we, or at least a great number of us, were approached by local agents, office insurance companies and asked to sign petitions and telegrams to you and Hon. C. L. Potter, and were told that the effect of the proposed anti-trust bill would be to run from the State all the fire insurance companies and that we would be forced to go without insurance on our property; that all policies now outstanding would be at once called in and canceled, and other matters of this kind.

"Without giving the matter serious thought, and acting upon the spur of the moment, we signed the telegrams and petitions above mentioned. Now, we think we understand the effect of the law as it is prepared and spoken of in the daily press as the Arkansas law, and realizing the fact that we have been imposed upon by the fire insurance companies in the way of high rates, and feeling that the trust should be suppressed, we hereby ask that you do not consider

the telegrams that we now see were dictated by the fire insurance companies, and which we signed, as we now see, solely for their benefit and in order that the trust may longer be tolerated in Texas. We see from this morning's papers that such telegrams were sent to members of the Legislature from all over the State, and knowing their origin, we deem it right to advise you to the end that you may not be imposed upon as we have been. We believe the telegrams not to be the spontaneous expression of the people, but the dictation of the very thing the bill seeks to suppress—the fire insurance trust."

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 327, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Fort Worth, and to grant to said city a new charter,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

Floor report—Atlee, Hanger, Ross, Burns, James, Dibrell, Greer, Stafford.

ATLEE, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April, 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 316, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4218y, of Chapter 129, Acts of 1897, providing for the sale of isolated and detached lands in certain counties."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 248, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Forty-first Judicial District of Texas, to prescribe the time of holding the District Court therein, to make the terms of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District in El Paso

county to conform thereto, to provide for a district attorney of the Forty-first Judicial District in said El Paso county, and to provide for a clerk of the District Court of the Forty-first Judicial District in said El Paso county, and empowering the District Court of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District to empanel the grand jury for said county and giving authority to the judges of either of said two courts in said El Paso county to transfer causes from their respective courts to the other of said courts, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:15 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 172, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to create the office of State Purchasing Agent for the various eleemosynary institutions of the State of Texas; to define his duties, term of office, mode of qualification and compensation; to abolish the office or position of steward, quartermaster or other similar position in said institutions; to require all supplies to be purchased by said agent under competitive bids or contracts; to provide for the appointment of storekeepers or accountants in said institutions, and define the duties thereof; to make an appropriation for the salary of said Purchasing Agent; to provide for the appointment of two clerks for said Purchasing Agent, and to make appropriation for their salaries; and to define offenses committed under the operation of this act, and to provide penalties therefor,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:15 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 133, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time for holding the terms of the District

Court of the Thirty-sixth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:15 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 742, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Coke county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 785, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to require peddlers of clocks, agricultural implements, cooking stoves or ranges, wagons, buggies, carriages, surreys and other similar vehicles, washing machines and churns, and peddlers of all other merchandise of every description, to pay an annual occupation tax,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass* with the following amendment:

"Amend the bill by striking out all after the word 'exclusively' on page 1, in line 32, down to and including the word 'exclusively' on page 2, in line 3."

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 302, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent

Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*, as similar House bill has been reported favorably.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*, with the following amendments, to wit:

"Amend Section 1, line 12, on page 1, by striking out the words 'April, July, October and January,' and insert in lieu thereof 'October, January, April and July.'

"Amend Section 2, line 32, page 2, by striking out all after the word 'shall' down to and including the word 'dollars,' on page 3, in line 2, and insert the words 'be construed to mean one who is in actual want and destitute of property or means of subsistence.'

"Amend Section 2, line 14, page 3, by striking out the word 'one' and insert the word 'two.'

"Amend Section 2, line 24, page 3, by inserting after the word 'himself' the words 'and if he is not sixty years old, when, where and how said disability occurred.'

"Amend Section 2 further by striking out all after the word 'witness,' in line 26, page 3, down to and including the word 'application,' in line 32, and insert the following: 'The papers in the case as made by the county judge must be submitted to the county commissioners at a regular term of their court, and must be approved by them, and they are hereby authorized to summon and examine witnesses outside of those examined by the county judge as above, and if in their judgment any fact materially affecting the applicant's statements are not clearly set out. The application

must be forwarded, after being approved by the county judge and by the commissioners court, to the Comptroller at Austin, who shall appoint a competent person, who is an ex-Confederate soldier, and who shall be known as Pension Clerk, and who shall enter upon his duties immediately upon the passage of this act, to take charge of accounts and matters pertaining to this act, and who shall keep a list of the applications for pensions sent to the Comptroller, and conduct all correspondence pertaining to the same, and who shall, with the Comptroller, examine all applications carefully, and see that they are made in strict compliance with the provisions of this act, and pass upon the validity of such claims.'

"Amend Section 2, line 2, page 4, by inserting after the word 'husband' the words 'the date of her marriage.'

"Amend Section 3, page 4, by adding thereto the words 'as to his service in the army or navy.'

"Amend Section 7, line 12, page 5, by inserting after the word 'residence' the words 'and postoffice address.'

"Amend Section 12, line 25, page 6, after the word 'the,' strike out the words 'State soldiers,' and insert the words 'Texas Confederate' in lieu thereof.

"Amend Section 13, last page, line 13, by striking out the words 'January, 1900,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'October, 1899.'

"Amend same section, line 14, by striking out 'January, July,' and insert in lieu thereof 'April and October.'

"Amend line 24, same section, by striking out the words 'January, July,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'October and April.'"

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

House bill No. 300, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to quiet titles to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas entitled 'An Act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or the Confederate States, a land certificate for twelve hundred and eighty acres of land,' approved April 9, 1881, and to validate such location and surveys,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

POTTER, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Burns:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of five members of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, two Senators and three Representatives, representing the two houses respectively, be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, with direction to visit the State of Arkansas and make inquiry as to the practical working and effect of the anti-trust law now in force in that State, said committee to make prompt and full report at the earliest day possible.

Lost.

By Senator Hanger:

Senate bill No. 327, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Fort Worth, and to grant a new charter to said city."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator James:

Senate bill No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3905, Title LXXX, Chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the scholastic age of children."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Grinnan (by request):

Senate bill No. 329, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations required or permitted by law or the charter, ordinance, rules and regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed with surety or sureties, except the bonds of county officials, and guaranteeing the refraining from or performance by another of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business, and to repeal Chapter 165, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith or inconsistent therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Call concluded.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 342 (the Dallas city charter bill), action being on third reading.

On motion of Senator Linn, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title VII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the courses of study taught in the public schools of Texas, so as to hereafter read as follows."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Yett.
James.	

Nays—8.

Davidson.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Lewis.	Ross.
Linn.	Turney.

Present—Not voting.

Wayland.

Absent.

Johnson.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

PAIRED.

Senator McGee, present, who would vote *nay*, with Senator Morriss, absent, who would vote *yea*.

Senator Gough moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the bill be placed upon its third reading and final passage.

Lost by the following vote (requiring four-fifths vote):

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Wayland.
James.	

Nays—9.

Davidson.	Patterson.
Greer.	Ross.
Lewis.	Turney.
Linn.	Yett.
Odell.	

Absent.

Johnson.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

PAIRED.

Senator McGee, present, who would vote *nay*, with Senator Morriss, absent, who would vote *yea*.

"While we can not see the necessity for such legislation as is embodied in this bill, as every teacher who is worthy of the name will faithfully teach such humanity without special statutory mandate; yet out of respect for Mrs. Irene Rood, a faithful Christian woman, the noblest work of God, who has been so zealous in advocacy of its passage, we vote 'yea.'

"STAFFORD,
"DIBRELL."

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 398, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 17, 27, 98 and 116, of an Act incorporating the city of Sherman, known as 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman, in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being Chapter 6, of the Special Acts of the said Legislature, and to add Sections 96a, 116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 179a and 179b thereto."

The bill was read a second time (in full at request of Senator Stafford).

The bill was passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 401, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3094 and 3095, and to add Article 3095a, Chapter 3, Title LVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, making any person or persons, company, co-partnership or corporation which shall make, or cause to be made, write, or cause to be written, either for himself or for another, any contract or policy of insurance in any insurance company not authorized to do business in this State, liable to the State for the same taxes and penalties, general and special, State, county and municipal, as insurance companies

that have been legally qualified and admitted to do business in the State by agents or otherwise, and prescribing method of collecting such tax, and fixing penalty for non-compliance with terms and conditions of this act."

On motion of Senator Linn, further consideration of the bill was postponed until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Linn then moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was postponed.

Reconsidered by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn.	

Nays—4.

Goss.	Morriss.
Hanger.	Turney.

Present—Not voting.

Wayland.

Absent.

Davidson.	Potter.
Johnson.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator Linn withdrew his motion to postpone.

By Senator Linn:

"Amend the bill by striking out the enacting clause."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Linn.
Burns.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Terrell.

Nays—9.

Davidson.	McGee.
Goss.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Turney.
Hanger.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Johnson.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yantis.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator Atlee moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message from the House was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 49, requesting the Governor to return to the Twenty-sixth Legislature House bill No. 176.

Also House Concurrent Resolution No. 50, requesting the Governor to return to the Twenty-sixth Legislature House bill No. 444.

Also that the House has concurred in Senate amendments to House bill No. 743.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN THE SENATE.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 49:

Whereas, House bill No. 176, being a bill to change the time of holding court of the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, which was finally passed by the House, there was offered and passed by the Senate a substitute bill which is contrary to the wishes of the people of the said Twenty-third Judicial District; and Whereas, During the absence of its author, said substitute was reported to the House, and on motion of Mr. Wooten, who does not reside in said Twenty-third Judicial District, nor in anywise affected by said bill, called said bill up and had adopted said substitute; and

Whereas, Said bill as substituted and finally passed, creates a great hardship upon the people of said Twenty-third Judicial District; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is hereby respectfully requested to return said bill to the House for further action thereon.

The resolution was read a second time, and on motion of Senator Burns, re-

ferred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 50:

Whereas, House bill No. 444, providing a more efficient road system for Liberty county, and now in the hands of the Governor, contains an objectionable feature, relating to the issuance of bonds of said county; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Governor be and he is hereby requested to return House bill No. 444, for the purpose of making the necessary corrections therein.

The resolution was read second time, and lost.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 452, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate and set apart to the public free school fund of the State of Texas all the unappropriated public domain of the State of Texas, including the lands reserved and appropriated by the Act of July 14, 1879, and to provide for the survey, sale, lease and classification thereof, and the patenting of homestead pre-emption surveys made prior to May 23, 1898, and to repeal Articles 4200, 4201, 4202, 4203, 4204, 4205, 4206 and 4207, Chapter 11, Title LXXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to declare an emergency."

The bill was read a second time.

Pending action, Senator Potter moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Wednesday, April 26.

Senator Goss moved as a substitute that the bill be postponed until tomorrow.

The motion to postpone until next Wednesday prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Neal.
Davidson.	Potter.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Greer.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Turney.
Hanger.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.
McGee.	

Nays—6.

Burns.	Kerr.
Goss.	Lewis.
Gough.	Linn.

Absent.

James.	Miller.
Johnson.	Morriss.

Odell.
Patterson.
Stafford.

Stone.
Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 618, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the powers and duties of the courts of civil appeals of the several supreme judicial districts of the State of Texas where there is or may be a conflict of opinion by any of the said courts of civil appeals on a question of law involved in any cause pending before said courts; and prescribing the duties of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas in such cases."

The bill was read a second time.

Pending action, on motion of Senator Davidson, pending business was suspended, and the Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 712, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 5, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, so as to place San Patricio county under the provisions of said chapter, relating to the mode of preventing certain animals from running at large in counties and subdivisions."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

Resuming consideration of House bill No. 618 (see above), the bill was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yett.

Nays—1.

McGee.

Absent.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

Senate bill No. 228, "An Act ratifying and confirming an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Galveston on the fourth day of February, 1899, entitled 'An Ordinance abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain streets, avenues and alleys of the city of Galveston, and authorizing and empowering Collis P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, perpetually to construct and maintain piers on the shore of Galveston Bay, within the corporate limits of the city of Galveston, upon certain specified conditions,' and conditionally relinquishing any claim the State of Texas may have to part of the property therein described."

House bill No. 568, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners; and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties; and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and upon the county farms; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time for road service for same; and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act; and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Wood county."

House bill No. 621, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Nacogdoches county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court, and making provision of act applicable as far as practicable to convicts when worked on county farms, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time for the service of same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Nacogdoches county, and to authorize the commissioners court of Nacogdoches county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and bridges for Nacogdoches county, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation of said superintendent, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer; providing that delinquent poll tax-payers shall be subject to three days road duty; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improvement of roads and giving persons summoned to work on roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty on the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated."

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 762, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and which went into effect on the 22nd day of March, 1899, entitled 'An Act to amend Subdivision 29, of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to change the times of holding the District Court in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District, except in Coryell county, and to extend the time of holding the court in the county of Erath.'"

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Ross.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

PETITION.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator McGee:

Petition of ninety-two citizens and business firms of Harrison county, protesting against the passage of the proposed anti-trust law.

Read, and referred to the Special Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Senator Greer sent up the following report:

MAJORITY REPORT.

Austin, Texas, April 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate, and Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIRS: We, a majority of your Free Conference Committee, to whom was referred the differences existing between the House of Representatives and the Senate in the matter of amendments to Senate bill No. 144, known as the Texas & New Orleans consolidation bill, beg leave to recommend that the Senate concur in House amendments Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 6; and further recommend that the House recede from its position on amendment No. 3; and we further recommend the adoption of House amendment No. 1, which in the committee was amended to read as follows:

"Amend Section 1, page 2, line 13, after the word 'Dallas' by adding 'by way of Athens, providing that the citizens of Athens and Henderson county, shall secure and donate or tender within six months of the passage of this act a right of way through Henderson county, one hundred feet in width, and adequate right of way and depot ground in the town of Athens; said donation to convey good title to such right of way and depot grounds to said Texas & New Orleans Railroad Company.'"

The committee further asks that the following committee amendment be adopted:

"Amend the bill by adding thereto another section, after Section 9, to be known as Section 9a, as follows:

"Section 9a. This act shall not be construed as in any way affecting, impairing, waiving or condoning any cause of action or ground that may now exist for forfeiting the charter of either of the companies named in this act, for the violation of any provision of the Constitution of this State, but any and all sales made under the authority of this act, shall be subject to such cause of action or ground of forfeiture, if any exists, and such cause of action or ground of forfeiture may be prosecuted and claimed with the same effect and enforced in the same way, as if no such sale had been

made, and as if this act had not been passed."

Respectfully submitted,

GREER,
WAYLAND,
LLOYD,
DIBRELL,

On the part of the Senate.

MORROW,
RATCLIFF,
TERRELL,
McKAMY,

On the part of the House.

MINORITY REPORT.

Austin, Texas, April 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate, and Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIRS: Not being able to agree with the majority of the Free Conference Committee, to whom was referred the differences between the House and Senate on Senate bill No. 144, known as the Texas & New Orleans consolidation bill, recommend that the House do not recede from amendment No. 3, which is as follows:

"Amend by adding after line 12, page 4, the following: 'Nor shall such purchase or purchases be valid until each of the railroad companies mentioned in this act shall cancel and surrender to the Railroad Commission of this State all mortgages and bonds secured by any lien on said railroad property or properties; and provided further, that after such mortgages and bonds are surrendered and canceled as aforesaid, such company or companies continuing in business may issue new bonds, under and subject to the laws of this State and the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of this State,'"

And respectfully ask that the report of the Free Conference Committee be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SHANNON,

Minority of the committee.

Senator Goss moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 p. m. this afternoon.

Senator Wayland moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Davidson.	Linn.
Gough.	Neal.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Wayland.

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Nays—12.

Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The motion to adjourn until 3 p. m. to-day was adopted, and the Senate, at 12:50, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Kerr.
Davidson.	Lewis.
Goss.	McGee.
Grinnan.	Morriss.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Wayland.

Absent.

Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Linn.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Miller.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator James moved that the Senate take recess for fifteen minutes.

Senator Ross moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—4.

Atlee.	Ross.
Kerr.	Wayland.

Nays—10.

Goss.	McGee.
Grinnan.	Morriss.
Hanger.	Potter.
James.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Turney.

Absent.

Burns.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Linn.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The motion of Senator James prevailed, and the Senate took recess for fifteen minutes.

AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order after recess by Lieutenant-Governor Brown-
ing.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.

Absent.

Johnson.	Patterson.
Linn.	Stafford.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 775, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and fix the times for holding courts in the Thirty-ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Goss, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Substitute Senate bill No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the correction and division of unpatented alternate surveys between individual owner and State school land in conflict with older valid surveys, and to protect

the purchasers of State school land in conflict therewith, and for patenting the same."

Action being on the committee substitute; the same was adopted.

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Goss, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Turney.
Hanger.	Wayland.
James.	Yett.
Kerr.	

Nays—1.

Terrell.

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Johnson.	Patterson.
Linn.	Stafford.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Yeas—21.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Nays—2.

Potter.

Terrell.

Absent.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Linn.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By unanimous consent, the following committee reports were sent up:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 679, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 65, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Montague, Red River and Wichita counties, in the State of Texas,' etc.,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and recommend that it be not printed.

ODELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 15, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 317, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4323, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the salary of the State Health Officer,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Lewis, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1880, Chapter 4, Title XXXIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted by the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Turney, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 496, of Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to irrigation canals, wells, reservoirs, etc., and the protection thereof."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Turney, the con-

stitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Gough.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Linn.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read a third time, and passed.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message from the House was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

House bill No. 624, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 54, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, the same being an act entitled 'An Act to amend Article 2601, Chapter 6, Title LI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to bonds of guardians and sureties thereon,' so as to authorize the giving of such bonds by companies organized in other States and authorized to do business in this State, and to validate bonds of guardians heretofore given in this State by companies organized under the laws of other States," with amendment.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN THE SENATE.

The above reported House bill No. 624, was read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Odell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 191, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit minors from engaging in the game of ten pins or other games played or carried on with pins and balls at any ten pin alley or other place where such game or games may be carried on for profit, and to prevent such persons from remaining in or about the premises where such game or games are carried on for profit, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a second time (in full at request of Senator Odell).

By Senator Odell:

"Amend by adding Section 2:

"Section 2. The near approach of the close of this session of the Legislature and the crowded condition of the calendar, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

By Senator Davidson:

"Amend by striking out the enacting clause."

(Senator McGee in the chair.)

The amendment (Davidson's) was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Ross.
Davidson.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Grinnan.	Wayland.
Kerr.	

Nays—10.

Greer.	Neal.
James.	Odell.
Lloyd.	Potter.
McGee.	Terrell.
Morriss.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Linn.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Atlee, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 322, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the District Court in the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to limit one term of the District Court of Nueces county to the transaction of civil business only, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Nays—1.

McGee.

Absent.

Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Linn.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Linn.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message from the House was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has reconsidered the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate substitute to House bill No. 176, and asks for a Free Conference Committee, and the House has appointed the following: Messrs. Master-son, Adams, Monroe, Tompkins and Garner.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Grinnan, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 313, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending for twenty years the payment of the principal of the purchase money for lands purchased under the Act of the Legislature herein named."

The bill was read (in full at request of Senator Ross).

By Senator Grinnan:

"Section 4. The near approach of the close of the present session of the Legislature and the crowded condition of the calendar creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity exists requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and the same is hereby accordingly suspended, and that this act be in force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

Pending further action, on motion of Senator Potter the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

TO RECONSIDER.

Senator Atlee entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the enacting clause to Senate bill No. 191 (see above) was stricken out.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

Senator Atlee sent up the following report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Special Committee, to whom was referred

House bill No. 402, with instructions to consider and report as to the power

of the Legislature to authorize the change contemplated as to the use of certain property in the city of Austin dedicated as a "public square,"

Beg leave to make the following report:

If the city of Austin favors such change, and all the persons who are abutting property owners consent to such change, your committee are of opinion that the Legislature has the power to authorize the desired change of use; that is to say, the Legislature may authorize the change from the public use to which the property was originally dedicated to another public use when the interest of the people require such change.

ATLEE,

ODELL,

Committee.

"I sign the report on the above proposition of law, but I do not agree that this is a change from a public use to a public use."

"DAVIDSON."

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to give the Board of Regents of the University of Texas the absolute and exclusive management and control of the mineral lands of the University."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Stone.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Johnson.	Patterson.
Linn.	Stafford.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Nays—1.

Gough.

Absent.

Johnson.	Patterson.
Linn.	Stafford.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

INVITATION.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following invitation:

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

The Senate, its officers and employes, are hereby invited to attend a free lecture at the Hall of the House of Representatives at 8 o'clock this evening, on the subject of "Christian Metaphysics, or Christian Science," by Mrs. Anna M. Knott, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. The lecture is given under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientists, Austin, Texas.

HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Yett, the rule requiring bills to lay over one day after report of committee was suspended, and the Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 402, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin a block of land within said city for public free school purposes."

The bill was read a second time.

Pending action on engrossment, Senator Ross moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Burns.	Ross.
Greer.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Yett.
Potter.	

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Stone.
Hanger.	Turney.
Lewis.	

Absent.

Linn.	Stafford.
Miller.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator Lewis moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 284 (see above) was ordered engrossed today.

Reconsidered.

By Senator Lewis:

"Amend by adding Section 2 to the bill as follows:

"Section 2. The near approach of the close of the present session of the Legislature, and the crowded condition of the calendar of each house, create an emergency that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Lewis, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Stone.
Greer.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

James.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Linn.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read a third time, and passed.

Then, at 5:05 o'clock, on motion of Senator Dibrell, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.